

DNREC's Division of Parks & Recreation encourages a Halloween adventure with First State Heritage Park's 'Dark Dover' tours Oct. 28-29

DOVER – One of First State Heritage Park's most popular events returns to The Green at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28 and Saturday, Oct. 29 for the Halloween weekend. During the park's Dark Dover program, visitors will witness firsthand the chilling true stories of gruesome murders and public whippings, and encounter characters whose legends have left their sinister imprint on The Green in Dover. Eighteenth-century judge Samuel Chew and the murdered servant Cooch Turner are just two of the specters who will make their appearance on this most unusual tour through Dover's Green.

Unusual twists include an unexpected retelling of the "Poison Candy Murder" tale from the point of view of the victim's deceitful and philandering husband, who attempts to clear his name. The mid-20th-century "Lonely Hearts" murder case adds a grisly but humorous touch to the tour.

Admission is \$10 per person. Spaces are limited and pre-registration is required by calling 302-739-9194. Tours will meet at the John Bell House on The Green in Dover.

For more information, call the First State Heritage Park at 302-739-9194 or visit www.destateparks.com/heritagepark.

The First State Heritage Park at Dover is a partnership of state agencies, under the leadership of Delaware State Parks, working in collaboration with city and county government, nonprofit organizations and the private sector to create

Delaware's first urban "park without boundaries" linking historic and cultural sites in the city that has been the seat of state government since 1777.

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